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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: HU, US, PFOR, SCUL

SUBJECT: BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC VISIT TO HUNGARY

REF: BUDAPEST 1405

1. ON JUNE 10 DR. SMYTH OF BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION AND DR. HARASZTI VISITED HUNGARIAN DESK OFFICER TO DISCUSS FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GRAHAM VISIT. THEY HAD JUST VISITED HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR WHOM THEY SAID HAD INFORMED THEM THAT HE HAD SENT A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION TO BUDAPEST AND HAD RECEIVED AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM CHURCH AFFAIRS STATE SECRETARY IMRE MIKLOS. SMYTH AND HARASZTI AGAIN RAISED THEIR DESIRE (AND THAT OF PALOTAI, PRESIDENT OF HUNGARIAN FREE CHURCHES) THAT EMBASSY BUDAPEST SUPPORT VISIT WITH GOH. THEY STATED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY FOUND A WAY TO LET THE GOH KNOW EMBASSY "FAVORS OR IS NOT AGAINST" THE VISIT.

2. DURING CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER MATTER HUNGARIAN EMBOFF
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CONFIRMED TO DEPTOFF THAT AMBASSADOR ESZTERGALYOS DID FAVOR THE GRAHAM VISIT AND HAD SO INFORMED GOH. DEPTOFF REPLIED THAT, WHILE USG WAS IN NO WAY INVOLVED INDR. GRAHAM'S TRIP, WE CERTAINLY HAD NO OBJECTION.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM DR. SMYTH THAT WE HAVE TOLD GOH WE HAVE NO OBJECTION. IF GOH RAISES GRAHAM VISIT, YOU

MAY, AS YOU SUGGESTED PREVIOUSLY TO SMYTH, INDICATE SUPPORT
FOR THE VISIT. VANCE

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